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THE LINES**

ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK

BANNED BOOKS WEEK

MARYLAND STEM FESTIVAL

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# Library News

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## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

- 9/2 - Labor Day
- 10/14 - Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 11/11 - Veteran's Day
- 11/27 - Thanksgiving
- 11/28 - Native American Heritage Day

## From our Director, Seth Hershberger:

I'm an Eastern Shore transplant who has grown to love the community and its unique culture. So I've recently been reading about the local history of the region. I discovered a new favorite book called "Beautiful Swimmers." A nonfiction work that was awarded a Pulitzer Prize the year it was written, Beautiful Swimmers explores the culture of Eastern Shore watermen and the science of crabs. I learned many fascinating historical details and scientific facts, but the main charm of the book is its many beautifully written profiles of ordinary people.

Happy reading, and we hope to see you at the library soon!

## Staff Highlights:



**Kerry O'Donnell and William Wallace**

The Library is very proud of two of our employees for accomplishments. We decided that they will share the Spotlight for this edition.

Kerry O'Donnell has worked at Wicomico Public Library for the past 19 years. She works as the Branch Manager for both Centre Branch in Salisbury and Pittsville Branch which will be moving to

our new location in Parsonsburg at the end of 2024. Kerry has always been a highly dedicated employee. The Library has to encourage her to take time off. We appreciate that dedication to efficiently run both branches of the Library system. In May 2024, Kerry received her Master's in Library Science (MLIS) with a perfect grade point average of 4.0. Very well done! In Kerry's spare time, she is a beekeeper and enjoys photography.

William Wallace has worked at Wicomico Public Library for the past 5 years as a Branch Assistant for Pittsville Branch. He recently was promoted to Assistant Branch Manager for both Centre and Pittsville locations as he proved to be valuable and reliable and brings unique perspectives to his library work. William received his Master's in Library Science degree with a perfect grade point average of 4.0. Very impressive!

Wicomico Public Library values their professionalism and contributions to making Centre and Pittsville Branches proficient in Library services as well as Passport services.

# Check it out!

## One Maryland One Book

Be part of this year's One Maryland One Book program! We're excited to read and discuss "What Storm, What Thunder" by Myriam J.A. Chancy. The book features a diverse group of characters navigating the chaos and uncertainty following the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Chancy's eloquent writing captures the resilience and hope of the Haitian people.

The annual One Maryland One Book program is free and unites readers across the state, fostering community and conversation around a single book. Free copies of the book are available at all branches of the Wicomico Public Library while supplies last.



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### DISCOVER YOUR NEXT READ



"What Storm, What Thunder"  
by Myriam J.A. Chancy

#### ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK DISCUSSION [WHAT STORM, WHAT THUNDER]

TUE: 10/15; 5:30PM - 6:30PM  
VIRTUAL PROGRAM

#### ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK DISCUSSION [WHAT STORM, WHAT THUNDER]

TUE: 10/22; 5:30PM - 6:30PM  
IN PERSON AT SARBANES BRANCH

#### HAITI UNTOLD - DOCUMENTARY

FRI, OCT. 18; 5PM - 7PM  
AT CENTRE BRANCH

#### FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION [ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK PROGRAM]

TUE, NOV. 5; 5PM - 6PM  
AT SARBANES BRANCH

Join us for a special screening and discussion of the documentary film "Invincible-Haiti Pushes Forward" in Meeting Room 1.

#### MAKE HAITIAN INSPIRED PAPER MACHE ANIMALS\*

TUESDAY, NOV. 12; 5PM - 7PM  
AT PITTSVILLE BRANCH

Paper mache is an important art form in Haiti. Join us as we celebrate Haitian culture and this year's One Maryland One Book as we learn to make our own Haitian inspired paper mache animals.



## Sign up for Wowbrary today!

Wicomico Public Library is excited to offer its patrons free "Wowbrary" email alerts that showcase the library's newest items each week. The alerts feature the latest bestsellers, movies, music CDs, audio books, children's titles, cookbooks, mysteries, travel guides, health books, science fiction and more purchased by the library.

Wowbrary alerts are free and do not require a library card. Go to [www.wowbrary.org](http://www.wowbrary.org) to sign up or learn more.

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# Feature Events – Banned Books Week

## THE DISAPPEARING BOOKSHELF: WHY YOU SHOULD WRITE KIDLIT IN THE ERA OF BOOK CHALLENGES\*

THU: SEP. 26; 7:30PM – 8:30PM

### VIRTUAL PROGRAM

According to PEN America, nearly 900 different books were banned in the first part of the 2022–2023 school year. Libraries are also facing book challenges, with children’s literature being a common target. With so much contention about what kids read, why should authors consider writing for teens and young readers?

Join children’s authors Heather Murphy Capps and Meg Eden for a frank discussion of the current state of kidlit, the unique joys and challenges of writing for readers in this age category, and why children still need books about a wide variety of characters, topics, and life experiences.

All registrants will receive a zoom link for this session.

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
AND TO  
REGISTER:



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Heather Murphy Capps writes Upper Middle-Grade books about history, social justice, science, and magic. She is a mother of two and an education equity activist. As a biracial author, Heather is passionate about creating diversity in publishing. Her critically acclaimed debut novel, “Indigo and Ida,” has been called “moving and inspiring,” received two starred reviews, made Booklist’s 2023 “Top 10 First Novels for Youth,” and was a finalist in the Jane Addams 2024 Children’s Book Awards. Her next book, “The Rule of Three” (Lerner/Carolrhoda Books) publishes in August 2024.



Meg Eden Kuyatt teaches creative writing at colleges and writing centers. She is the author of the 2021 Towson Prize for Literature winning poetry collection “Drowning in the Floating World” and children’s novels including a 2024 ALA Schneider Family Book Award Honor “Good Different,” and the forthcoming “The Girl in the Wall” (Scholastic, 2025). Find her online at [megedenbooks.com](http://megedenbooks.com).

## BANNED BOOKS WEEK SEPTEMBER 22–28, 2024

### BANNED BOOKS WEEK PHOTO BOOTH

9/23 – 9/28; ALL DAY

AT PITTSVILLE BRANCH

It’s banned books week and you’ve been caught reading a banned book! Come down to the Pittsville branch anytime this week and get your official mugshot taken. Afterwards, we’ll print it out for you to take home. Photos will be 2x3in., one printed photo per person. Drop-ins welcome.



### MINI BOOKS: BANNED BOOK EDITION\*

TUE, SEP. 24; 5PM – 6:30PM

AT PITTSVILLE BRANCH

Let’s take a look at some of the most frequently banned books, while creating our very own mini versions of them. The finished books will only be 1.5 inches tall!

# Feature Events

## BANNED BOOKS WEEK SEPTEMBER 22–28, 2024

### WRITE YOUR TRUTH\*

SAT, SEP. 28; 1PM – 3PM

AT PAUL S. SARBANES BRANCH

Join us for a dynamic poetry workshop, "Writing Your Truth," open to writers of all levels. Dive into the art of authentic expression at the Sarbanes Branch library from 1–3 PM EST. Discover the essence of poetic craft, explore diverse genres, including the Skinny Poetry form. Also learn practical methods to overcome possible "writing blocks," through engaging writing prompts. Afterward, step into Unity Square across the street for an invigorating open mic session from 3:30–5:00 PM, that will be as sweet as Smith Island Cake. Whether you're a seasoned poet or a beginner, this workshop promises a supportive environment to nurture your voice. Don't miss out on this opportunity to write from your heart and share your journey with fellow poets. No prior experience required--just bring your passion and a desire to write your truth.

### READ YOUR TRUTH – AN OPEN MIC EVENT AT UNITY SQUARE\*

SAT, SEP. 28; 3:30PM – 4:30PM

AT PAUL S. SARBANES BRANCH

Inspire your community to be "Freed Between the Lines" by reading a passage of your work or an excerpt from a favorite book. Readers will have three minutes to share their truth at this Banned Books Week event.



Truth Thomas is a singer-songwriter, poet, and photographer, born in Knoxville, Tennessee and raised in Washington, DC (the Capitol recording artist once known as Glenn Edward Thomas). He is the founder of Cherry Castle Publishing and studied creative writing at Howard University under Dr. Tony Medina. Thomas earned his MFA in poetry at New England College. His collections include "Party of Black," "A Day of Presence," "Bottle of Life," "Speak Water," winner of the 2013 NAACP Image Award for "Outstanding Literary Work in Poetry" and "My TV is Not the Boss of Me," (a children's book, by Cory Thomas). He is a former Writer-in-Residence for the Howard County Poetry and Literature Society (HoCoPoLitSo) and the Inaugural Poet Laureate of Howard County, Maryland. His poems have appeared in over 150 publications, including The 100 Best African American Poems (edited by Nikki Giovanni) and This Is the Honey (edited by Kwame Alexander). He is the creator of the Skinny Poetry form and Editor-in-Chief of "The Skinny Poetry Journal."



Join the fun as the Maryland STEM Festival celebrates its 10th anniversary! This month-long celebration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics features the theme 'Engineering: Ideas to Reality.' Explore exciting activities and events that bring innovative ideas to life. For more information, visit [marylandstemfestival.org](http://marylandstemfestival.org).

#### STEM GAMES/POP UP BOOKMOBILE STOP

SAT, OCT. 26; 10AM – 12PM  
Sharptown Town Hall

#### FUN WITH CODING FOR 11 YEAR OLDS AND UP\*

MON, OCT. 28; 3:30PM – 5:30PM  
AT PAUL S. SARBANES BRANCH

#### FUN WITH CODING FOR 5–10 YR. OLDS

MON, NOV. 4; 3:30PM – 5:30PM  
Willards Elementary parking lot

#### DRONE OBSTACLE COURSE\*

TUE, NOV. 12; 3:30PM – 5:30PM

AT PAUL S. SARBANES BRANCH

\*Registration is required. For more information or to register, visit the Events Calendar at [www.wicomicolibrary.org/events](http://www.wicomicolibrary.org/events)

# Beanstack Fall Reading Challenges

Autumn is the perfect time to cozy up with a book and explore diverse cultures! Participate in our Fall Reading Challenge and broaden your horizons. Students K-12, don't miss the Celebrate the Arts Challenge, featuring engaging activities to spark your creativity. Enroll now at [wicomicolibrary.beanstack.org](http://wicomicolibrary.beanstack.org) and let the cultural adventure begin!



PLUS, DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR YEAR-LONG READING CHALLENGES!



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CHALLENGE



# Paul S. Sarbanes Branch

(410) 749-3612  
Monday - Thursday: 10am - 7pm  
Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm  
Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### STORYTIME

Thu: 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14 & 11/21 ; 10:30AM - 11:30AM

All 0-5 year-olds and their caregivers are welcome to join us to share songs, rhymes, and stories together every Thursday.

### PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP

MON: 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/18 & 11/25; 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to join us for free play, developmentally appropriate guided play, and structured activities, all while learning early socialization!

### HOMESCHOOL MAKER MONDAY\*

MON: 9/9, 9/23, 10/28 & 11/25; 2PM - 3:30PM

Explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math through fun activities at Homeschool Maker Monday! All homeschool students ages 6 to 11 are invited to join us the second and fourth Monday of each month to learn all about STEAM!



### PAWS TO READ

MON: 9/9, 9/23, 10/28, & 11/25; 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Paws to Read allows your child to read aloud to a dog for 5-7 minutes. A volunteer will be present during the entire session. This activity helps build reading confidence in children while they are relaxing and having fun.

### MINI-MONTESSORI FOR 3-6 YEAR OLDS

WED: 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/13 & 11/27; 1:30PM - 2:30PM

Montessori is purposeful play that mimics real-life tasks. It encourages mindfulness while focusing on the task at hand.

### READING DRAGONS\*

THU: 9/12; 4:30PM - 5:30PM

Here There Be Dragons! If you like collectible trading card games and reading, this program is for you! Earn dragon cards for reading and play fun games with the cards. Ages 6 to 11.

### CODING FOR KIDS\*

MON: 9/16, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4 & 11/18; 4:30PM - 5:30PM

Whether you already know how to code or want to learn, this is the program for you! For fall and winter 2024, we'll explore different platforms and apps based on the Scratch Engine.

This program is open to all school-aged children, but kids who can't read yet will need support. Space is limited and registration is required.

### YOUNG THINKERS CLUB

THU: 9/26, 10/10, 10/24 & 11/14; 4:30PM - 5:15PM

In the Young Thinkers Club, children will play games and do activities that get them thinking and having fun! This club is led by faculty and students from Salisbury University's philosophy department. Ages 8-11.

### STEM TIME

WED, 10/16 & 11/6; 4PM - 5:30PM

Imagine, design, explore, build, and discover using STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)! Bring your curiosity and imagination to play with Sphero indi and BOLT, Snap Circuits, littleBits, and more! We'll experiment and tinker, using critical thinking, teamwork, and communication skills to code, build, and have fun!



### FALL FEST

THU, OCT. 17; 3PM - 5PM

Get ready for a Fall Fest tailor-made for kiddos aged 6-12! Dive into candy apple decorating, crafty yarn pumpkins, leaf sun catcher designs, beaded corn creations, mushroom ball toss, pumpkin tic-tac-toe, and a fun jam-can bean bag toss! Let the festive fun begin!

### SEW A SOFTIE\*

SAT: 10/19, 11/16, 12/21, 1/18, 2/15 & 3/15; 2PM - 4PM

Learn how to sew in this monthly program for kids ages 6 and up. You will leave each session with a complete project; come to one or all! We'll cover basic hand-sewing, including quick repairs like replacing a button, and using sewing machines. Snacks will be provided.

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Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### LEGO ROBOTICS\*

TUE: 10/22, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14, 1/28, 2/11,  
2/25, 3/11 & 3/25; 4:30PM - 5:30PM

Explore coding and the foundations of engineering with hands-on, age-appropriate activities.

For elementary and middle school aged children. Space is limited and registration is required.

### 3D PRINTING WORKSHOP\*

THU: 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14 & 11/21;  
4PM - 6PM

Buckle up for a 3D modeling adventure! Unleash your creativity and bring your designs to life with our magical 3D printer right here at the library!

### FUN WITH CODING FOR 11 YEAR OLDS AND UP\*

MON, OCT. 28; 3:30PM - 5:30PM

Is your preteen or teen interested in STEM? Here is their chance to work with our STEM pathways, Sphero Bolt, and Snap Circuits. We will be located in our STEAM Studio at our Sarbanes branch. This is a MD STEM festival program.

### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

THU, OCT. 17; 4PM - 6PM

Choose from a selection of games. Compete against your family members or challenge other families.

## CHILDREN & TEEN PROGRAMS

### CLAN RINCE IRISH DANCE STORYTIME

SAT, SEP. 14; 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Join Clan Rince for storytime as they read "Mary McCrory the Irish Dance Fairy" and perform classic Irish dances by the Studio Dancers.

### HALLOWEEN PARADE\*

THU, OCT. 31; 11:30AM - 12PM

Join us for the Halloween Parade after Storytime on Thursday, 10/31! Come in costume and trick-or-treat your way through the library!



### DRONE OBSTACLE COURSE\*

TUE, NOV. 12; 3:30PM - 5:30PM

Learn to fly and maneuver a drone through an obstacle course. Two people at a time will go head to head competing for the fastest time. The course will be located in Room 1 of our Sarbanes branch. This is a MD STEM festival program.

### YOUNG THINKERS FESTIVAL\*

SAT, NOV. 16; 10:00AM - 12:30PM

It's the Young Thinkers party extravaganza! Join us for critical thinking, picture book deep dives, and problem-solving fun for children, teens, and families. The Young Thinkers Festival is presented in partnership with faculty and students from Salisbury University's philosophy department. Food will be provided.

## JUST FOR TEENS

### TEEN ACTION BOARD (TAB) MEETING\*

TUE: 9/17, 10/15 & 11/19; 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Attend in person or on Zoom! Registration is required. All middle and high school students are invited to our TAB (Teen Action Board) Meeting. TAB meetings are a forum where students' opinions and suggestions are heard. TAB members earn one service learning hour for each meeting attended.

### CROCHET 101\*

TUE: 9/24, 10/22 & 11/26;  
5:30PM - 6:30PM

If you'd like to learn to crochet and are in middle or high school, join us the 4th Tuesday of each month! We'll use tutorials from the library resource, Creativebug, and one on one instruction to start you crocheting for fun and to make scarves for our community.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### ADULT YOGA PROGRAM - SOUL YOGA\*

WED: 9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 11/6 & 11/20; 4:30PM - 5:30PM

Come join Soul Yoga's instructor Lauren Gilmore for a free adult yoga class! Participants will learn the fundamentals of yoga while exploring how it can benefit them. Grab a friend or family member to experience and learn together. Registration is not required, but is recommended.

\*Participants are to bring their own towel or yoga mat.\*

\* - Registration is required.

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Monday - Thursday: 10am - 7pm

Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

## FREE NARCAN KIT AND TRAINING\*

SAT, SEP. 7; 12PM - 1PM

Learn how you can save a life. Join us for an information session about Narcan, an antidote which can reverse an opioid overdose with a representative from the Wicomico County Health Department.

## THE SALISBURY SALON\*

SAT: 9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2 & 11/16;  
1:30PM - 3PM

The Salisbury Salon aims to be a welcoming space for ALL to engage in hearty discussion and activities, share personal projects, and enjoy good company over refreshments.

## SUNDAY SCRABBLE & MORE\*

SUN: 9/8, 9/22, 10/13 & 10/27;  
1:30PM - 3PM

Stop by for an afternoon of wordsmithing with the classic game Scrabble. If Scrabble isn't your game, try one of our other classic games (Checkers, Chess, or Parcheesi).

## BEGINNER CROCHET FOR ADULTS\*

TUE: 9/10, 10/8, 11/12 & 12/10;  
5:30PM - 6:30PM

Are you new to crochet? Do you need assistance in mastering the fundamentals? Come and participate in our 4-week workshop designed for beginners.

## ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT\*

THU: 9/12 & 11/14; 7PM - 9PM

Think you know it all? Come prove it at The Brick Room, where an adult trivia night will be hosted! Participants are required to be at least twenty-one years of age. Drinks will be available for purchase. Registration is highly recommended.

## BUFFALO SOLDIERS PRESENTATION

SAT, SEP. 14; 2PM - 3PM

Learn about the history of Buffalo Soldiers and a local effort to create a museum in Eden, MD, from presenter Deborah Scott.

## QUICK STITCH: SEWING ESSENTIALS & PROJECTS WORKSHOP\*

SAT: 9/21, 9/28, 10/5 & 10/12;  
12PM - 3PM

Students in this four-week series will learn the basics of sewing machine operation, fabric handling, and essential sewing techniques. Create 2-3 simple projects and gain confidence in your sewing abilities!

## ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK DISCUSSION [WHAT STORM, WHAT THUNDER]

TUE: 10/22; 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Join us for a captivating book discussion on "What Storm, What Thunder" by celebrated author Myriam A.J. Chancy. Dive into the rich tapestry of interconnected stories set during the 2010 earthquake that struck Haiti, exploring themes of resilience, identity, and the human experience amidst historical upheaval. Don't miss out on this chance to connect with fellow readers and expand your understanding of this remarkable work.

## FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION [ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK PROGRAM]

TUE, NOV. 5; 5PM - 6PM

Join us for a special screening and discussion of the documentary film "Invincible-Haiti Pushes Forward" at the Sarbanes Branch of Wicomico Public Library in Meeting Room 1.

## INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCE WORKSHOP\*

SUN: 9/8, 9/15, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13 & 10/20; 3PM - 4:30PM

Indian classical dances are rooted in devotion, a majority of them originated as temple dances. Learn about classical dance forms, mudras (hand gestures and finger-postures), and saris in this free 6 session series. The last session will include a sari fashion show! No prior experience is necessary, comfortable clothing is recommended. For ages 16+

## INTRODUCTION TO 3D PRINTING\*

TUE-THU: 9/17, 9/18, 9/19, 9/24, 9/25, 9/26, 10/1, 10/2, 10/3, 10/8, 10/9 & 10/10; 5PM - 6:30PM

A comprehensive introduction to 3D printing, encompassing design with Autodesk Fusion with FDM 3D printing techniques. Please plan to attend all sessions.

## WRITE YOUR TRUTH\*

SAT, SEP. 28; 1PM - 3PM

This year's Banned Books Week theme inspires us to be "Freed Between the Lines." Meet Poet Laurate Truth Thomas for a creative writing workshop and learn to write your truth.

## READ YOUR TRUTH - AN OPEN MIC EVENT AT UNITY SQUARE\*

SAT, SEP. 28; 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Inspire your community to be "Freed Between the Lines" by reading a passage of your work or an excerpt from a favorite book. Readers will have three minutes to share their truth at this Banned Books Week event.

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# Centre Branch

(410) 546-5397

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 7pm

Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Sunday: CLOSED

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### GRANDPARENTS DAY

WED, SEP. 4; 4:00PM - 5:30PM

Come make a flower hand canvas paint keepsake for your grandparent to celebrate Grandparent Day

### GET ZEN-TANGLED UP\*

WED: 9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16 & 11/6;  
5:45PM - 6:45PM

Come sit in on a fun time while we learn about doodles, and how to make fun ones!

### SEASONAL FALL MURAL\*

FRI, SEP. 6; 4PM - 4:45PM

Come in and color a square for our mural! Each piece will be unique, and help show off the creativity and diversity in the young minds we help shape.



### AUTUMN WREATH (FOR KIDS!)\*

SAT, SEP. 7; 2:30PM - 3:30PM

Come join us as we welcome in the fall season with a super simple, kid friendly wreath you can make and take home with you!

## DESIGN YOUR OWN BOOKMARK\*

THU, SEP. 12; 4PM - 5:30PM

Design a personalized bookmark using colorful paper, markers, stickers, and more



## COFFEE FILTER BATS\*

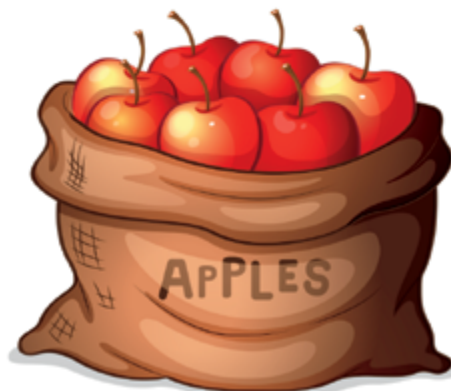
SAT, OCT. 26; 2:30PM - 3:30PM

Add some spook to your season! Join us while we explore color and paint on coffee filters!

## APPLE PRINT MAKING\*

FRI, NOV. 8; 3:45PM - 4:45PM

Come explore all the fun things about apples, and make some cool pictures too!



## EVERYONE

### MAKE YOUR OWN HISPANIC HERITAGE T-SHIRT\*

WED, OCT. 2; 4PM - 6PM

Come make your own t-shirt to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. You must have your own black or white t-shirt.

### NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY

WED, NOV. 13; 5PM - 6:30PM

Come make a keychain to celebrate Native American Day.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### HAITI UNTOLD - DOCUMENTARY\*

FRI, OCT. 18; 5PM - 7PM

Join us as we watch the compelling documentary "Haiti Untold," the story of "a few famous and not-so-famous individuals who put their heads and hearts to the task of effecting radical change in Haiti, following the devastating earthquake of 2010". This viewing will be a companion to the 2024 Maryland One Book selection called "What Storm, What Thunder" by Myriam J.A. Chancy.

### CROCHET FOR BEGINNERS\*

TUE: 11/12 & 11/19; 5:30PM - 7PM

Join our Crochet for Beginners class, ideal for those new to crochet. Learn about yarn and hooks, basic stitches, starting and completing projects, and troubleshooting common issues. Materials provided include a crochet hook, yarn, and beginner-friendly patterns.

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# Pittsville Branch

(410) 835-2353

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 7pm

Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Sunday: CLOSED

## KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

### GAME ON!

WED: 9/18, 10/16 & 11/20; 4PM - 6PM

Come play your favorite video games every month! We have a variety of games for the Playstation 4, Nintendo Switch, VR headsets, and even board games!

### TICKET TO TABLETOP

WED: 9/18, 10/23 & 11/18; 5PM - 7PM

Come join us as we learn to play a new and popular board or card game!

### MAKE YOUR OWN LEAF LION\*

WED, SEP. 25; 4PM - 5PM

Fall has arrived! Let's welcome these changes by creating our very own lion with a mane made of leaves! Ages 1-11



### HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT FOR KIDS!\*

TUE: 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22 & 10/29;  
3:45PM - 6PM

Enjoy a Halloween movie night and a sweet treat!

## JUST FOR TEENS

### ADVENTURERS' LEAGUE: A D&D CLUB\*

SAT: 9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16 & 11/30; 2PM - 4PM

Get ready to embark on a world of mystery, magic, and adventure!

### SCARY MOVIE NIGHT FOR TEENS!\*

THU: 10/3, 10/10, 10/17 & 10/24;  
4:45PM - 7PM

We'll be playing a different spooky movie each week, with popcorn provided!

## CRAFTS PROGRAMS

### BEGINNERS GUIDE TO SCRAPBOOKING\*

TUE, SEP. 3; 5PM - 6:30PM

Learn about the basics of scrapbooking and make a scrapbook page to take home.

### 3D ACORN DECORATION\*

THU, SEP. 12; 5PM - 6:30PM

This intricate 3D acorn will make the perfect centerpiece to show off to your friends family!

### SEASONAL SCRAPBOOKERS\*

TUE: 9/17, 10/16 & 11/19; 5PM - 6:30PM

Join us every month as we create a seasonal scrapbook layout together based on that month!

### MINI BOOKS: BANNED BOOK EDITION\*

TUE, SEP. 24; 5PM - 6:30PM

Let's take a look at some of the most frequently banned books, while creating our very own mini versions of them. The finished books will only be 1.5 inches tall!

### LAYERED HALLOWEEN CARD\*

MON, OCT. 7; 5PM - 6:30PM

Create a Happy Halloween card to send out! This intricate layered card will bring a smile to anyone you give it to.

### DESIGN YOUR OWN TRICK-OR-TREAT BAGS!\*

WED, OCT. 9; 5PM - 6PM

Let's get creative and make our very own custom trick-or-treat bags!

### HALLOWEEN SPOOKY ROCK PAINTING\*

WED, OCT. 30; 5:30PM - 7PM

Come have some Halloween fun painting creepy creatures, spooky scenes, or just cute little pumpkins on rocks!

### ORIGAMI LUCKY STARS IN A JAR\*

TUE, NOV. 19; 5PM - 7PM

Origami Lucky Stars symbolize love and grant good luck to those who receive a jar of them. Come learn to make them and leave with your own jar of good luck!

### THANKFUL TURKEY CRAFT\*

THU, NOV. 21; 4PM - 5PM

What better way to think about what we're thankful for this Thanksgiving than by writing it down on this adorable turkey's feathers!

### 3D TURKEY CENTERPIECE\*

THU, NOV. 21; 5PM - 6:30PM

This adorable turkey will be the perfect centerpiece at any table!

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### PITTSVILLE PUZZLERS

FRI: 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15 & 11/22;  
ALL DAY

Come to the Pittsville Branch for a drop in cozy activity! Help the staff and the branch mascot Jeff the Sloth put together our current puzzle!

### NINTENDO SWITCH SPORTS FOR ADULTS\*

MON: 9/9, 9/16, 9/23 & 9/30; 5PM - 7PM

Do you remember Wii Sports? How much fun it was to play? Then come play the new version on the Nintendo Switch with us!

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT UNO FEST

WED: 11/6, 11/13, 11/20 & 11/27;  
5PM - 7PM

Do you like Uno? We play by points, can you score enough before the final UNO! is called?

# Mobile Services

(410) 749-3612 ext. 804  
mobileservices@wicomico.org

## COMMUNITY COMPUTER LAB

Need a place to study or do some work? Just need to use a computer for a short task? Stop by the Mobile Learning Lab!

Current stops available:

- Hebron - 9/6, 10/4 & 11/1; 10AM - 12PM
- Willards Lions Community Center - 9/13, 10/11 & 11/8; 10AM - 12PM
- Sharptown Town Hall - 9/20, 10/18 & 11/15; 10AM - 12PM
- Fruitland - 9/27, 10/25 & 11/22; 10AM - 12PM

View the current schedule at:  
[tinyurl.com/wplmobilelab](http://tinyurl.com/wplmobilelab)

## LIBRARY LOCKER LOCATIONS

Request pickup of library items at these alternate locations:

- inside the lobby of the YMCA
- inside the Centre at Salisbury Mall by the Centre Branch Library
- outside of Sharptown Town Hall
- outside of WestSide Community Center in Bivalve
- outside of Paul S. Sarbanes Branch in Downtown Salisbury

## READER VAN SERVICE

Have a local daycare and want supplement material? Our Reader Van is a transit van that brings educational materials to daycares in the form of curriculum-centered-themed totes and storytimes.

## READING PARTY

SAT, SEP. 7; 1PM - 3PM

YMCA's side parking lot

Is reading your passion? Do you want to read more and want different perspectives and recommendations? Do you love to discuss what you have read with others? We will have snacks and exchange thoughts on what we have read recently.

## TABLETOP GAME CLUB

WED: 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/6 &

11/20; 3:30PM - 5:30PM

Parkside High School parking lot

Do you need a break from technology? Do you like Scrabble, Uno, etc.? Come join us in playing tabletop games with your friends. We will be parked at Parkside High, but all middle and high schoolers are welcome!

## E-GAME DEMO DAY

SAT, OCT. 5; 10AM - 12PM

Fruitland Big Lots parking lot

Are you a video gamer? Try out our tech gaming options on board the Mobile Learning Lab! We will have our Nintendo Switch, VR headset, tablets, and computers available for use.

MARYLAND  
**STEM**  
FESTIVAL



## STEM GAMES/POP UP BOOKMOBILE STOP

SAT, OCT. 26; 10AM - 12PM

Sharptown Town Hall

Are you interested in STEM? We will have our STEM related games and activities out for use. Guess what!....our fabulous bookmobile will be on site as well, so you can check out a good book too!



## 2ND ANNUAL SPOOKTACTULAR CELEBRATION

WED, OCT. 30; 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Winterplace Park

Join us for our 2nd Annual Spooktacular Celebration! We will have our Haunted Mobile Learning Lab, Spooky Storytime, a dance party, a small Trunk or Treat, scavenger hunt, and a craft! A whole lot of fun rolled into one night. As always most things will be not so scary. Littles and bigger kids alike will enjoy the festivities.

## FUN WITH CODING FOR 5-10 YR. OLDS

MON, NOV. 4; 3:30PM - 5:30PM

Willards Elementary parking lot

Is your 5-10 year old interested in STEM? Bring them out to our Mobile Learning Lab at Willards Elementary for our Fun with Coding workshop! We will have our Squishy Circuits, Sphero indi, and Osmos out for use. This program is part of our MD STEM festival.

## ESCAPE THE MOBILE LEARNING LAB\*

SAT, NOV. 9; Session 1: 10AM - 11AM &

Session 2: 11:30AM - 12:30PM

Westside Community Center

Can you escape the Mobile Learning Lab? An AI has locked you in and you need to solve puzzles to get out. Work together with your group before the timer runs out. The Mobile Learning Lab will be located at the Westside Community Center. There will be two separate sessions.

# Storywalks and ArtWalk



## STORYWALK @ HUMANE SOCIETY - BOOK ONE

9/9 - 9/30

Come check out our storywalk, "Can I Be Your Dog?," at the Humane Society. While you are there, take a shelter pup for a walk! They would love for you to read the story to them.

## STORYWALK @ HUMANE SOCIETY - BOOK TWO

9/30 - 10/21

Come check out our storywalk, "Pete the Kitty's Outdoor Art Project," at the Humane Society. While you are there, take a shelter pup for a walk! They would love for you to read the story to them.

## STORYWALK @ WINTERPLACE PARK

10/21 - 11/4

Count with us as you walk along our storywalk path at Winterplace Park. See who and what is "At the Old Haunted House."

## STORYWALK @ LEONARD MILL PARK

11/12 - 12/6

This installment of our Storywalk series is at Leonard Mill Park. Come out and read about the "Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves!"

## FALL MARKET STORYTIME AND CRAFT

SAT, SEP. 28; 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Humane Society

Who doesn't love animals?! Come out to the Humane Society and their fall market and have fun with us at our animal themed story time and craft. Our story walk will be set up along the dog walking route, so while you are there share a walk with a fantastic adoptable pup! They would love to get out for a walk and read the story with you!

## STORYTIME @ THE HUMANE SOCIETY

WED, OCT. 2; 10AM - 10:30AM

Humane Society

Our story walk will be set up along the dog walking route, so while you are there share a walk with a fantastic adoptable pup! They would love to get out for a walk and read the story with you!



## RIVERWALK ARTWALK - A RIVER RUNS THROUGH US

9/15 - 10/12

Nancy Mitchell, Poet Laureate of Salisbury, and Susan Holt, Chair of the Salisbury Public Arts Committee, have curated a collection of poetry and visual art entitled "A River Runs Through Us" that celebrates rivers as a vital and ancient source of physical and spiritual nourishment for humankind. The exhibit will feature the work of selected artists from the Eastern Shore of Maryland and will be displayed in the Library's Story Walk along the Wicomico River Walk in Salisbury, Maryland.



Art by James Whistler

# Virtual Programs and Online Services

## VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

AN AUTHOR TALK WITH  
GARRETT GRAFF



TUE, SEPT. 10TH  
AT 2 PM

AN AUTHOR TALK WITH  
NATE KLEMP



WED, SEPT 18TH  
AT 2 PM

AN AUTHOR TALK WITH  
LIANE MORIARTY



SAT, SEPT. 21ST  
AT 7 PM

AN AUTHOR TALK WITH  
RACHEL PAGE



WED, OCT. 2ND  
AT 2 PM

AN AUTHOR TALK WITH  
SILVIA MORENO-GARCIA



WED, OCT. 9TH  
AT 7 PM

AN AUTHOR TALK WITH LORI  
GOTTLIEB



TUE, OCT. 22ND  
AT 2 PM

Enjoy a range of talks  
from bestselling authors  
and thought leaders.

Watch live to have your  
questions answered or  
enjoy the recorded  
program at your leisure.

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
AND TO REGISTER:



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### MORE VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

THE DISAPPEARING  
BOOKSHELF: WHY YOU  
SHOULD WRITE KIDLIT IN THE  
ERA OF BOOK CHALLENGES  
THU: 9/26; 7:30PM - 8:30PM

ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK  
DISCUSSION [WHAT STORM,  
WHAT THUNDER]  
TUE: 10/15; 5:30PM - 6:30PM

VIRTUAL BOOK DISCUSSION  
TUE: 11/19; 5:30PM - 6:30PM

# Services and Support



## PROJECT READ

**Empower Through Knowledge,  
Unlocking Futures!**

Are you passionate about making a difference in people's lives and helping those struggling with basic literacy skills?

Project READ is a free, one-on-one adult literacy program aimed at improving reading, writing, and math skills. By enhancing these skills, our program empowers individuals to access better job opportunities, achieve GED attainment, and increase their income.

You don't need prior teaching experience to volunteer with us. We provide comprehensive training and all the resources you'll need to become an effective tutor. All we ask is for your enthusiasm for helping others and a commitment of at least two hours per week.

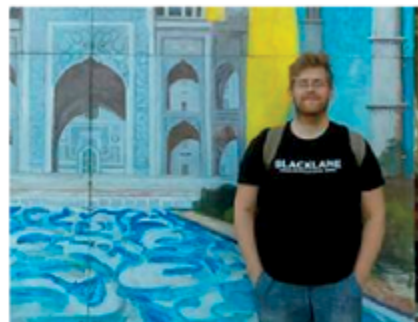
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Scan the code to for more information or call DeMyra Harvey at 410-749-3612 ext. 159.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



### Mike Mcjilton

Mike Mcjilton was born in Snow Hill Maryland. From a young age he was passionate about drawing and painting and developed a strong interest in fine art. When he was 18 he moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to attend art school at Pennsylvania College of Art and Design where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in 2001. After finishing school he moved to Philadelphia where he worked and exhibited his paintings. After a few years he decided to move to Berlin, Germany to pursue his artistic career even further. He continued to exhibit his art work while living in Europe. He moved back to the states in 2019 and currently teaches art at the elementary level in Dorchester County.

If you would like to volunteer contact:  
Untia Bigelow  
volunteer@wicomico.org  
410-749-3612 x140

## MEETING ROOMS

The Paul S. Sarbanes branch offers meeting rooms for public use. These rooms are perfect for various events, including business meetings, community gatherings, and educational workshops.

If you have questions or need to request a room within three days' notice, please get in touch with the admin office at 410-749-3612 x110.



## FRIENDS FOUNDATION OF THE WICOMICO PUBLIC LIBRARY

### SAVE THE DATE

**FOLK FESTIVAL BOOK SALE  
SEPT. 21-22**

**FALL BOOK SALE  
NOV. 22-23**

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## Paul S. Sarbanes Branch Downtown Salisbury

(410) 749-3612

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 7pm  
Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm  
Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

## Centre Branch Centre At Salisbury

(410) 546-5397

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 7pm  
Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm  
Sunday: CLOSED

## Pittsville Branch 34372 Old Ocean City Rd

(410) 835-2353

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 7pm  
Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm  
Sunday: CLOSED

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